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**APPLICANT:** Patrick R. CONNELLY et al.**GROUP:** 3762**SERIAL NO:** 10/077,972**EXAMINER:** Unknown**FILED:** February 19, 2002**CONFIRMATION NO:** 3133**FOR: AN ELECTROMAGNETIC INTERFERENCE IMMUNE TISSUE INVASIVE SYSTEM**Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

LETTER

The Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Patent Applications, Application Numbers: 09/921,066; 09/943,216; 10/037,513; 10/037,720; 10/077,988; 10/077,960; 10/077,888; 10/077,897; 10/077,915; 10/077,906; 10/077,868; 10/077,910; 10/077,827; 10/077,836; 10/077,842; 10/077,893; 10/077,982; 10/077,823; 10/077,978; 10/078,062; 10/077,922; 10/077,932; 10/077,887; 10/077,883; 10/077,958; 09/839,286; 09/864,944; 09/865,049; 09/885,867; 09/885,868; 10/077,827; 10/077,836; 10/132,457; 10/014,890; 10/058,984; 10/132,851; 10/202,921; 10/243,015; 10/162,318; and 10/120,922.

The subject matter contained in these co-pending U.S. Patent Applications, Application Numbers: 09/921,066; 09/943,216; 10/037,513; 10/037,720; 10/077,988; 10/077,960; 10/077,888; 10/077,897; 10/077,972; 10/077,906; 10/077,868; 10/077,910; 10/077,827; 10/077,836; 10/077,842; 10/077,893; 10/077,982; 10/077,823; 10/077,978; 10/078,062; 10/077,922; 10/077,932; 10/077,887; 10/077,883; 10/077,958; 09/839,286; 09/864,944; 09/865,049; 09/885,867; 09/885,868; 10/077,827; 10/077,836; 10/132,457; 10/014,890;

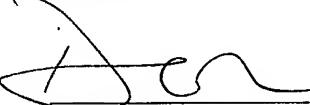
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10/058,984; 10/132,851; 10/202,921; 10/243,015; 10/162,318; and 10/120,922; is related to the above-identified application, and thus may be relevant to the subject matter of the instant application.

These co-pending applications are not to be construed as prior art. By bringing these co-pending applications to the attention of the Examiner, the Applicant does **NOT** waive any confidentiality concerning these co-pending applications. 35 U.S.C. §122 (1988); see Medical Laboratory Automation Inc. v. Labcon Inc., 500 F.Supp. 54, 58 n.5 (N.D. Ill. 1980), aff'd. 670 F.2d 671 (7th Cir. 1981). Furthermore, if any of said co-pending applications should not mature into a patent, the non-issuing co-pending application should be preserved in secrecy under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §122 (1988) and 37 C.F.R. 1.14.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is hereby authorized to call Applicants' attorney, Duane C. Basch, at Telephone Number (585) 387-0280, East Rochester, New York.

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